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MINUTES OF MEETING #544 (2006-07)

SENATE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2006, 3:00 PM

DR. CHARLES A. SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Stan Sadava (Chair), Professor Don Brown (Vice-Chair), Dr. Terry Boak, Dean Ian Brindle, Ms. Barb Davis, Dean Rosemary Hale, Dean James Heap, Mr. Brad Humble, Dean Martin Kusy, Dr. Jack Lightstone, Ms. Kim Meade, Dr. Michael Owen, Dean Marilyn Rose, Dean David Siegel

Ms. Karen Bordonaro, Professors Michael Carter, Rick Cheel, Maureen Connolly, Tony DiPetta, Tamara El-Hoss, Colleen Hood, Nota Klentrou, Anna Lathrop, Herbert MacKenzie, Dan Malleck, Cheryl McCormick, Carol Merriam, Bozidar Mitrovic, Merijean Morrissey, Rebecca Raby, Jon Radue, Raafat Roubi, Anamitra Shome, Susan Sydor, Mary Louise Vanderlee, Louis Volante, Barry Wright

Ms. Anna Lise Domanski, Mr. Tom Goldspink, Ms. Michelle Green, Mr. Sohail Mall, Mr. Damien O'Brien, Ms. Joy Rogers, Mr. Andrew Saunders

Mr. Mike Farrell, Secretary, Ms. Margaret Thompson, Recording Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Patrick Beard, Professor Jean Bridge, Ms. Cathie Closs, Mr. Ron Dubien, Ms. Margaret Sanderson, Professor Tom Winger

REGRETS: Professor Irene Blayer, Dean John Corlett, Professor Greg Finn, Professor Nancy Francis, Ms. Alison Grevatt, Ms. Margaret Grove, Mr. David Howes, Professor Anton Jansen, Professor Murray Kropf, Professor Pierre Lizée, Dr. Raymond Moriyama, Ms. Marla Nasello, Ms. Lisa Piroli, Professor Miriam Richards, Dr. Harald Tomesch, Professor Murray Wickett, Professor Paul Zelisko

Professor Sadava welcomed members and guests to the 544th meeting of Senate.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 543rd meeting of Senate had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.

MOVED (Brindle/O'Brien)

THAT the minutes of the 543rd meeting of Senate held on November 15, 2006 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Business Arising from the Minutes - None

3. Communications

Professor Sadava noted that he had received a communication from the Psychology Department Administrator outlining several concerns with the process of timetabling courses. The Chair referred the matter to the Senate Committee on University Infrastructure for consideration.

4. Report of the Chair

Professor Sadava was pleased to report that a tentative contract agreement had been reached this morning between the University and the Brock University Faculty Association. Senators applauded. The Chair commented that it would take continued efforts by all to resolve and repair any adverse effects resulting from the negotiations.

5. Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor `
[The President's Report to Senate dated December 6, 2006 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Dr. Lightstone referred members to his written Report. The President expressed his appreciation to members of both negotiating teams for their dedication, collegiality and the spirit of compromise that resulted in the tentative agreement. He also acknowledged the expert assistance provided by the mediator, Mr. Kevin Burkett.

In light of the Chair's previous remarks, the President emphasized the importance of maintaining and building upon collegiality. As a result of this commitment to collegiality, he and the BUFA President would be examining the negotiation process in an effort to facilitate future negotiations.

The President highlighted several issues regarding government and community relations as outlined in his written Report.

In response to a question, the President reviewed the process involved in ratifying the tentative agreement.

6. Report of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost

Dr. Boak echoed the President's previous remarks with respect to the tentative negotiated agreement and thanked all parties involved for their hard work.

7. Report of the Academic Colleague - COU - None

8. Report of the Actions of the Board of Trustees

[A Brief of the Board meeting held November 23, 2006 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

The Brief of the Board meeting had been posted for the information of Senate.

9. Unfinished Business from the Last Meeting – None

10. Reports of Standing Committees

10.1 Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee

[A Report from the Chair of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee dated November 20, 2006 together with related documentation had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Morrissey presented the Committee's Report.

MOVED (Morrissey/Hood)

THAT the Syllabus Statement regarding Students With Disabilities and the Revision of Academic Accommodation Process for Students with Disabilities be accepted for addition to the Faculty Handbook.

In response to a question, Ms. Meade indicated that the associated costs for requests for accommodations would be an institutional responsibility, not the responsibility of an individual department or faculty. Ms. Meade then introduced Ms. Sanderson, the newly appointed Accessibility Coordinator.

CARRIED

10.2 Undergraduate Program Committee

[A Report from the Chair of the Undergraduate Program Committee dated November 27, 2006 together with related documentation had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Connolly presented the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee.

a) Re: Articulation Agreements

MOVED (Connolly/Dipetta)

THAT Senate accept the Articulation Agreement between Brock University and Sheridan College – Four Year Degree in Psychology – Social Service Worker Diploma as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Report.

THAT Senate accept the Articulation Agreement between Brock University and Mohawk College – Honours Degree in Labour Studies with Chosen Co-Major-Joint Labour Studies Certification Programs as outlined in Appendix 2 of the Report.

Professor Connolly noted that once an articulation agreement was approved, any proposed future changes to the agreement would be overseen by the Committee.

CARRIED

b) Re: Program Changes

Professor Connolly referred Senators to motions 1-13 as outlined in the attachment to the Report. She proposed, and Senate concurred, that the recommendations be approved with an omnibus motion.

MOVED (Connolly/Saunders)

THAT Senate approve motions 1 through 13 from the Undergraduate Program Committee as outlined in the attachment to the Report.

CARRIED

10.3 Teaching and Learning Policy Committee

[A Report from the Chair of the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee dated November 28, 2006 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Lathrop presented the Committee's Report.

a) Re: Interpretation of FHB III: 11.8.6

MOVED (Lathrop/Mitrovic)

THAT Senate approve the following amendment to FHB III: 11.8.6:

"Students may not modify a degree standing after it has been awarded by taking additional courses to upgrade their standing, nor, once a degree is conferred, may the *final* record of courses comprising that degree be changed in any manner. This does not preclude a student who has completed a 15-credit degree from applying to pursue a 20-credit degree."

Professor Lathrop briefly reviewed the rationale for the motion as outlined in the Report.

CARRIED

Professor Lathrop referred Senators to the additional items contained in the Report which had been included for information.

10.4 Graduate Studies Committee

[A Report from the Graduate Studies Committee dated November 28, 2006 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Shome presented the Report from the Graduate Studies Committee.

1. Re: Earth Sciences

MOVED (Shome/Brindle)

THAT Senate approve the addition of ERSC 5P95 to the graduate course bank and the changes in degree requirements as outlined in the Report.

CARRIED

2. Re: Studies in Comparative Literatures & Arts

MOVED (Shome/O'Brien)

THAT Senate approve the addition of SCLA 5P69 to the graduate course bank as outlined in the Report.

CARRIED

In response to a question from Dean Rose, Professor Connolly indicated that the Governance Committee would be examining at its next meeting, the discrepancies that exist with respect to the various types of items that are brought to Senate for either approval or information.

11. Other Business

Dr. Lightstone wished Senators a joyous holiday season and a happy, peaceful New Year.

Mr. Saunders read a statement during which he expressed appreciation for the support that he and other students received during their recent sit-in in the lobby of Schmon Tower in the days leading up to the tentative agreement. On behalf of students, Mr. Saunders expressed appreciation to both sides for reaching a tentative agreement.

Professor Morrissey invited members to take a few moments after the meeting to stop by the Rita Welch Meditation Centre where a vigil was being held in remembrance of the fourteen women murdered on this day seventeen years ago at the École Polytechnique de Montréal.

12. Adjournment

Professor Sadava wished Senators all the best for the holiday season. The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m. and was followed by a reception.